

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
Consumer Service Division
Memorandum**

CASE ID: 00179881

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Ray Nally

ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: Cincinnati, OH 45236

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ:

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke energy base fee increase

This would be very unfair and I oppose it.

Please docket the customer's comments in the case number above.

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CASE ID: 00179926

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Mark Amann

ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ:

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke Energy Fixed Customer Fee

I would like to oppose the Duke Energy proposal to raise it's customer fees by raising the fixed customer fee. As a etiree on a fixed income (SS) this will possibly cause me to have to move out of my house, the house I was raised in and now live in my later years. It would not give me any incentive to do some upgrades to the house that would save energy both electric and gas. We have ben trying to save up to put in more efficient windows and I have been trying to switch over to LED lighting. If Duke gets to raise our fixed fees that money that we have been saving will have to go to paying the bill instead of the above mentioned improvements. This flies in the face of trying to reduce our energy needs. Please do not let Duke raise the Fixed Customer Fee. Thank you, Mark L. Amann

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CASE ID: 00180134
COMPANY:
CUSTOMER: James McCarthy
ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,
AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio
NIQ: 513) 886-6056

DOCKETING CASE #:17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke Energy Base Fee Increase Opposition

This is to express opposition to the base fee increase being sought by Duke Energy for Cincinnati. Duke has been actively promoting consumers to reduce usage and make energy saving investments for years so that they can service more customers within their supply capacity. In doing so, Duke benefits by being able to add customers to still pay for the electricity they can produce and add more base fees to their income stream, increasing their revenues. Now Duke seeks to increase base fees for all users, to even further increase their revenues for a basic need at the expense of consumers in a blatant money grab. Should their request be granted, the benefit to consumers for their efforts and investments to save energy will be eliminated and their bills arbitrarily increased. Please deny this request by Duke. Thank you

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CASE ID: 00180030
COMPANY:
CUSTOMER: James Saul
ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,
AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio
NIQ:

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke Energy base fee increase

I am very much opposed to Duke Energy's proposed increase to the base fees on my monthly utility bill. I am on fixed income and I am always below the average comparable home in energy usage. I believe this is just another attempt to cater to the shareholders of Duke despite the lowly user.

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CASE ID: 00179810

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Mike Bonvillain

ADDRESS:

,Ohio 45244

SERVICE ADDRESS: 7681 Athenia Drive Cincinnati, OH

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ: (513) 231-3552

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-0032-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke Energy's plan to increase fixed fees from \$72 to \$270 per year.

This Duke proposal is extremely unfair especially to seniors living on a fixed income! If this proposal is approved Duke will just increase their profits to pay executives higher bonus compensation without any incentive to lower costs! The number one priority for public utilities should always be to lower the cost to customers.

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CASE ID: 00179920
COMPANY:
CUSTOMER: Mark L. Amann
ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,
AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio
NIQ: (513) 271-4324

DOCKETING CASE #:17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke Energy Fixed Customer Fee

I would like to oppose the Duke Energy proposal to raise it's customer fees by raising the fixed customer fee. As a retiree on a fixed income (SS) this will

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CASE ID: 00179807
COMPANY:
CUSTOMER: Carlin Stamm
ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,
AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio
NIQ:

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Fixed Fee increases proposed by Duke

I consider this to be very unfair to low income users and to also fly in the face of encouraging users to conserve energy to reduce impact to the environment.

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CASE ID: 00180795

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Lawrence L Spille

ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: 3355 w. North Bend Rd. Cincinnati, OH

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ: (513) 661-5146

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke Energy base fee increase

Please add my name to list of people against the Duke Energy base fee hike. Going from under \$100 to over \$200. The average consumer will never be able to reduce his bill no matter what you do. Vote no on the increase. Thank you.

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CASE ID: 00180777
COMPANY:
CUSTOMER: Garry Terrell
ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,
AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio
NIQ:

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Against ANY base fee rate increase from Duke

Let it be known that I am against ANY base/fixed fee rate increase from Duke

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CASE ID: 00180095

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Paul Lett

ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ: 5132328324

DOCKETING CASE #:

SUBJECT: Duke proposed base fee increase

According to my local paper, Duke wants to raise the base fee for their utility service. I concur with the paper in that the increase would penalize those customers like myself that try to curb electric usage.

In my opinion Duke should not be allowed to raise the rates.

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CASE ID: 00180215

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Barbara White

ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ: 513-891-9262

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke Energy Increase in the Base Fee

I read Shannon Baker Branstetter's column in the Suburban Community Press about the potential base rate fee hike. I feel this could really raise individual's rate on their energy bill WITHOUT them being able to do anything about it. Please reconsider this rate hike, because this would really hurt people on the margins or on fixed income

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CASE ID: 00180462

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Diane Montag

ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: 985 White Oak Road Cincinnati, OH

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ: (513) 969-5905

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Base Fee Increase

I asked that Duke Energy not proceed with the base fee increase; this would make a huge impact to my fixed income as well as many of my other friends in my community. I live on a fixed income and can better control my costs and finances by adjusting my usage. With a base fee increase, there is no choice. How can a company consciously increase their fees by 4x? This is not right and not the right thing to do. The corporate companies make enough profits and you should consider the people who can not afford a 4x increase for a base fee -- a fee and we are not able to control this by our usage of utilities. Thank you for your consideration and I ask that you listen to your consumers.

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CASE ID: 00180220

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Stephanie Bedwell

ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: 7139 Bridges Rd Cincinnati, OH 45230

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ:

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-el-air

SUBJECT: Duke Energy base fee increase

I am against the proposed Duke Energy base fee increase and ask that PUCO does not allow this increase.

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CASE ID: 00180283
COMPANY:
CUSTOMER: Thomas E Lewis
ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: ,
AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio
NIQ: 5136042166

DOCKETING CASE #:

SUBJECT: Duke's "customer fee" rate hike

We understand Duke's energy costs are generally defined by "fixed fees" or base fees, and "usage fees" which depend on the amount of energy used. By Duke quadrupling fixed fees, this hurts consumers by unfairly punishing those who choose or need to be thrifty with energy costs. The majority of consumers today understand the importance and urgency in conserving energy. Manufacturers invest in R&D to design products which require less energy. Consumers invest in these products because they save money in usage fees. By increasing fixed fees rather than usage fees, you are reducing or eliminating the incentive to conserve energy including the use of energy-efficient products. We have resided in our home for over thirty-two years. During that time, we have seen significant increases in energy costs even while we have significantly invested in energy-efficient solutions. These solutions include home automation devices, high-efficient furnace, A/C, thermostat, hot water heater, oven, cooktop, thermostat, computers, and lighting. For each of these purchases, we paid a premium cost in order to conserve energy. By eliminating this incentive, consumers may revert to less costly energy-wasting products. In civil law, the rule of "Unjust Enrichment" states that no person should be allowed to profit at another's expense without making restitution for the reasonable value of any services, products, or other benefits that have been unfairly received and retained. The proposal by Duke to increase "customer fees" is unfair and possibly illegal. In this case, Duke profits at the expense of the consumers who receive no equivalent or additional benefit. If any cost must increase, it should be a cost which consumers can manage through energy usage. We are strongly AGAINST Duke's increase of the "customer fee".

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CASE ID: 00180801

COMPANY:

CUSTOMER: Joanne Conradi

ADDRESS:

SERVICE ADDRESS: 3687 W. Galbraith Rd., Unit 39 Cincinnati, OH

AIQ: Duke Energy Ohio

NIQ: (513) 750-7589

DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR

SUBJECT: Duke Energy's proposal to significantly raise its "customer fees"

Duke Energy's proposal to significantly raise its "customer fees" is unfair.

My husband and I are retired seniors and have a fixed income. Our understanding is that Duke Energy's plan is to nearly quadruple fixed customer fees - from about \$72 a year to over \$270 a year - even if my husband and I conserve our use of electrical energy. Sincerely yours, Joanne Conradi

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